

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Johnny Nilsen, Kieran Kelly
William Ryan, Karl Seemen,
Sean Sharkey, Fernando Suazo,
Don Abad and Charles Smith,
Plaintiffs

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASS.

vs

Civil Action
No.:

Celestial Dawn, Inc. in
persona and the F/V PROSPERITY,
in rem
Defendants

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, Johnny Nilsen, Kieran Kelly, William Ryan,
Karl Seemen, Sean Sharkey, Fernando Suazo, Don Abad and Charles
Smith, by way of Complaint against the Defendant, say:

Jurisdiction and Venue

1. Plaintiff brings this suit against the Defendant vessel under the provisions of 28 U.S.C.s.1333, as this is an admiralty claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Supplemental Rule C, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. Venue lies within this District under the provisions of 28 U.S.C.s.1391.

The Parties

3. The plaintiff Johnny Nilsen is a resident of Cresco, Pennsylvania.
4. The plaintiff Kieran Kelly is a resident of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.
5. The plaintiff William Ryan is a resident of Melrose, Massachusetts.
6. The plaintiff Karl Seemen is a resident of Metairie,

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Louisiana.

7. The plaintiff Sean Sharkey is a resident of Mesa, Arizona.

8. The plaintiff Fernando Suazo is a resident of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

9. The plaintiff Don Abad is a resident of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

10. The plaintiff Charles Smith is a resident of Morgan City, Louisiana.

11. The defendant Celestial Dawn, Inc. is a Massachusetts corporation with a principal place of business in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Facts

12. At all times relevant hereto, the plaintiffs were hired and retained by the defendant to work as crew members on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

13. Each of the plaintiffs met their respective obligations with respect to performance as crew members on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

14. Notwithstanding the defendant's obligation to pay the plaintiffs for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY, and the plaintiffs complete performance of each of their respective obligations under the terms of the employment contract, the defendant failed to pay the plaintiffs for the work so performed.

COUNT I: JOHNNY NILSEN: CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW

15. The plaintiff, Johnny Nilsen, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through fourteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

16. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Johnny Nilsen, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT II: JOHNNY NILSEN
CLAIM PURSUANT TO 36 U.S.C.10313

17. The plaintiff, Johnny Nilsen, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through fourteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

18. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

19. The defendant's willful failure to do so is a violation of 36 U.S.C. 10313.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Johnny Nilsen, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT III: KIERAN KELLY
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW

20. The plaintiff, Kieran Kelly, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

21. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Kieran Kelly, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT IV: WILLIAM RYAN
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW

22. The plaintiff, William Ryan, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

23. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, William Ryan, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT V: KARL SEEMANN
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW

24. The plaintiff, Karl Seemann restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

25. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Karl Seemann, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT VI: SEAN SHARKEY
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW

26. The plaintiff, Sean Sharkey, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

27. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed

on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Sean Sharkey, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

**COUNT VII: FERNANDO SUAZO
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW**

28. The plaintiff, Fernando Suazo, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

29. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Fernando Suazo, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

**COUNT VIII: DON ABAD
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW**

30. The plaintiff, Don Abad, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

31. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Don Abad, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

**COUNT IX: CHARLES SMITH
CLAIM UNDER GENERAL MARITIME LAW**

32. The plaintiff, Charles Smith, restates and incorporates Paragraphs one through thirteen of his Complaint as if specifically pled herein.

33. Under the General Maritime Law, the defendant owes the plaintiff income and wages to compensate him for work performed on board the F/V PROSPERITY.

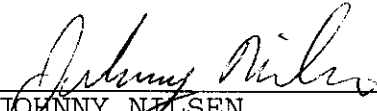
WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Charles Smith, demands judgment against the defendant, in an amount to appropriately compensate him for those monies owed, interests, costs, attorneys fees, and punitive damages.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Massachusetts

I, Johnny Nilsen, being duly sworn depose and say:


I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.


JOHNNY NILSEN

STATE OF Massachusetts

County of Bristol

Then personally appeared the above-named Johnny Nilsen and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Johnny Nilsen.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/28/08

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

I, Kieran Kelly, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Kieran Kelly
KIERAN KELLY

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Berkshire

Then personally appeared the above-named Kieran Kelly and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Kieran Kelly.

Notary Public
My Commission expires:

March 1, 2007

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Massachusetts

I, William Ryan, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

William Ryan
WILLIAM RYAN

STATE OF Massachusetts

County of Middlesex

Then personally appeared the above-named William Ryan and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of William Ryan.

Janis L. Mastrosillo
Notary Public
My commission expires: Aug. 13, 2004

VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, Karl Seemann, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Karl Seemann
KARL SEEMANN

STATE OF LOUISIANA

County of JEFFERSON

Then personally appeared the above-named Karl Seemann and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Karl Seemann.

Kimberly J Bando
Notary Public

My commission expires: AT DEATH

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

I, Sean Sharkey, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.



SEAN SHARKEY

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Essex

Then personally appeared the above-named Sean Sharkey and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Sean Sharkey.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/9/05

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Massachusetts

I, Fernando Suazo, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Fernando Suazo
FERNANDO SUAZO

STATE OF Massachusetts

County of Essex

Then personally appeared the above-named Fernando Suazo and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Feranando Suazo.

Ruth Katsikas
Notary Public
My commission expires: 12/9/05

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Massachusetts

I, Don Abad, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Don Abad

DON ABAD

STATE OF Massachusetts

County of Essex

Then personally appeared the above-named Don Abad and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Don Abad.

Ruth Katsikas

Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/9/05

VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, Charles Smith, being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a Plaintiff herein. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge except as the matters state upon information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Charles Smith
CHARLES SMITH

STATE OF Louisiana

County of St. Mary Parish

Then personally appeared the above-named Charles Smith and stated that he is a plaintiff herein, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the true act and deed of Charles Smith.

Henry A. Gaudin
Notary Public
My commission expires: AT Death

Plaintiffs
By their attorneys,



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Date:

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Cases/PROSPERITY/Complaint